

Drug Policy Advisory Council Meeting November 1, 2007

Voting Council Members Present: Chairman Gary Kendell, Jeanette Bucklew, Cyndy Erickson, Ken Carter, Robert Mahan, Phyllis Blood for Paul Stageberg, Jim Chesnik for Mary Nelson, Dean Austin, Pam Dettmann, John Garringer, Jane Larkin, and Chris Wilson.

Non-Voting Members Present: Stephan Arndt, Joseph Earp for Col. Michael Jensen, and Bill Roach.

Staff: Dale Woolery, Dennis Wiggins, Susie Sher, Becky Swift, Terry Graham and Becky Bell.

Guests: Randy Krukow, Clay County Sheriff; Deb Synhorst, Department of Public Health; and Syeta Glanton, Office of the Governor.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Kendell called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Board members and guests introduced themselves.

Pam Dettmann made a motion, Stephan Arndt seconded, and Council members voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2007, planning retreat.

Highlights of the Iowa Team – DC Congressional Visit

Director Kendell reported that 11 people, representing six different organizations participated in a Congressional visit in Washington, D.C. Attendees represented the Advisory Council, the Dept. of Public Health, the Dept. of Public Safety, the Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies Association, Iowa State Police Officer's Association, the County Attorney's Association and substance abuse program directors. The group met with all of the congressmen and senators except Representative Braley, though they did meet with one of his staff members. The group spent time with Senator Grassley at a breakfast meeting hosted by Director Kendell.

Director Kendell stated that the purpose of the meeting was to create relationships between the attendees and congressional and senate staff who are handling substance abuse and criminal justices issues.

The Senate had not completed their appropriation bills so a lot of time was spent discussing the Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block grants and Byrne-JAG funding. Senator Grassley thought that we may know more about funding levels by November.

2008 Drug Control Strategy

Becky Swift reported that the 2008 Strategy was delivered to the Governor's Office on 11-1-08. Council members were provided a copy of the Executive Summary. Hard copies of the strategy will be printed and distributed to all council members, state legislators, and members of the Iowa Congressional Delegation. The Strategy will also be posted to the ODCP web site.

Becky asked the Council to encourage their staff and others to use the Strategy in their planning.

Dale Woolery reported that there is a 11 million dollar (11%) funding increase for substance abuse and drug enforcement programs. Most of that funding will be from the Tobacco Settlement.

Chairman Kendell reported that ODCP anticipates pre-filing three bills: 1.) Pseudoephedrine sales and tracking, 2.) Adding Saliva divinorum to the list of schedule 1 controlled substance and, 3.) Substance Abuse Mental Health Parity bill. Based on feedback from the Governor's Office and Legislators, the proposal to increase the beer tax will not be introduced in 2008.

DPAC Workgroup Organization

Becky Swift reported that through the discussion and working with the facilitator from the retreat, the priority areas were: 1.) legislative efforts to reduce underage drinking, 2.) the full continuum of treatment and prevention services and, 3.) pseudo sale and tracking. Committees were formed to work on both Underage Drinking and the Continuum. Pseudo tracking was tabled due to the work that's already being done.

Becky Swift and Susie Sher will get the Underage Drinking and Continuum committees up and going over the next few months.

The Underage Drinking workgroup members include Julie Muckler (Bill Roach), Pam Dettmann, Dean Austin, Jane Larkin, Meredith Slaymaker (Chris Wilson), Jeff Hughes and Stew Barnes.

The Full Continuum of Prevention and Treatment workgroup members include: Paul Stageberg, Julie Muckler (Bill Roach), Dean Austin, Jane Larkin, John Garringer and Katrina (Jeanette Bucklew).

In addition to the three top priorities, a long-term issue was also identified. Long-Term – Leadership Collaboration workgroup (long term issue): Jeanette Bucklew, Dean Austin and Jeff Hughes.

During the brainstorming section, everyone was asked to come up with one low cost suggestion and one outrageous idea. One of the outrageous ideas that

really caught hold was to try to ban alcohol ads during prime time TV hours. Stew, Dean and Jane volunteered to work on this.

Becky and Susie will be in contact with the council members to organize workgroup meetings.

Underage Drinking Task force Presentation – Year 1 Action Plan

Deb Synhorst distributed a draft of the Iowa Underage Drinking Plan to Council members.

Debbie reported that two years ago the Department of Public Health received funding from the Center for Substance Abuse to conduct town hall meetings on underage drinking. Forty-two town hall meetings were held in the spring followed by a culmination meeting where representatives from the individual Town Hall meetings processed the information they had gathered. The information learned through the Town Meetings provided a basis for the Iowa Plan.

The Underage Drinking Task Force was working on the development of goals and actions when the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking 2007 was developed. Due to the similarity in the goals outlined in the Call to Action with those developed by the Task Force, the Task Force recommended that it be used as the basis for the Iowa Plan. The major goals are also taken from the Call to Action.

Debbie asked Council members to get back to her with edits/comments regarding Year One of the Underage Drinking Plan by mid December so the Task Force can begin working in January. In 2008, the Task Force will start drafting years two and three. The first year was designed to be more exploratory with years two and three being action oriented.

Deb Synhorst reported that the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is going to be providing some funding for Town Hall meetings in spring 2008. Community coalitions would receive a \$500 stipend. Coalitions that are interested in hosting a Town Hall meeting should contact Debbie.

Town Hall Meetings

Chairman Kendell reported on Town Hall meetings that are being held in collaboration with the Partnership for a Drug-Free Iowa. Two meetings have been held in Ankeny and Dubuque. Another meeting will be held November 19 in Waterloo.

Additional Town Hall meetings will be held in 2008. If Council members know of a community that would be interested in hosting a meeting they are asked to contact Chairman Kendell or Dale Woolery

The meetings are designed to solicit input from community members about substance abuse issues affecting them and to share ideas about how to address them.

Other Business

Sheriff Randy Krukow stated that he has seen a decline in area meth labs but is seeing a jump in smurfing. The Iowa Great Lakes Task Force is made up of 5 counties in northwest Iowa and they are checking pharmacies within a 100 mile radius. They are finding that small groups of people are going from store to store purchasing the daily limit at each. The Sheriff feels that real-time reporting is crucial to stopping this behavior.

2008 Meeting Dates

The DPAC meeting dates for 2008 will be February 14, May 8, August 14 and November 13. The August 14 meeting will be the all day retreat beginning at 8:30 a.m. The location of meetings will be determined at a later date.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2008 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at ODCP, 401 SW 7th Street, Suite N, Des Moines.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky Bell

